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By KATE MASTERSON.

Has the baseball man temperament? Can he afford it?  
How much in the way of vituperative comment and criticism as to his ability is he supposed to stand from the spectators?

To what lengths may a disgruntled grandstander jeer at his personal appearance, ancestry and general make-up as a human being?

Is it part of a national hero's role to smile at abuse and turn the other cheek when he has been smitten with unpleasant remarks howled so that all may hear?

Young Mr. Cobb of the Detroit club, answered these questions directly the other day by leaping lightly over the rail into the grand stand at the New York Polo Grounds and pummeling his critic. He was suspended, fined and reprimanded generally.

His companions on the team sided with him. The world of baseball rocked on its basis. Wires hissed the news north, south, east and west. The worm had turned. The gibes that have been a frequent interlude in the game of ball had at last called forth revolt.

Baseball men swelled their chests and asked in the McCoy version of Shylock: "Am I not a man?" &c. It is a well-known fact in sporting history that a man playing a game, be it football, billiards, baseball, dominoes and even the great pugilistic game can often be completely thrown out of his winning mood by a well-directed jest that may bring a laugh to the lookers on.

This is not the first time that the badinage of the baseball fiend has caused the blood of the player to boil. Not so many months ago one Mr. Devlin at the Brooklyn grounds executed the same swift vault over the rail to inflict personal punishment upon a would-be wit. For some reason the Devlin incident caused no public excitement. In fact, the scandal was suppressed almost immediately.

But the Cobb affair became famous overnight. The fact is Cobb had done what many another player, chafing under this form of irritation, had longed to do. The players of the country were with the frate fielder. The officials, managers and friends of the game generally did not approve of such a break in the rule governing the conduct of a man while on the field.

Now that the fury of battle has died down and the affairs of the world are moving on as before, it seems that the Cobb outbreak has been instrumental not only in enforcing discipline among the men but also in enforcing a rule forbidding any comment from the spectators which would tend to interrupt the game. The dignity of the baseball man is to be preserved.

### Good Qualities of Players.

In fact the professional baseball player seems to have earned recognition of the fact that he possesses good qualities that appeal to all good citizens. He is quiet and unassuming, good natured and well behaved, but he has his limits when it comes to personal and unpleasant comment, which is only made because the speaker takes advantage of a situation in which he feels himself protected from natural retaliation.

The baseball man unlike many popular heroes, has not allowed his vogue to spoil him. He has considerable modesty for a hero; he is unobtrusive when off the field of his endeavors, he is thrifty, temperate and has common sense.

He does not take himself or his professional success too seriously, for he knows that the days of his hard playing have limits. In his off hours he is no butterfly. Most of the players are ambitious for business success and spend the winter months in studying or practicing a profession or furthering some commercial enterprise that may provide for the future.

The growth in favor that the game has experienced within the last fifteen years has been largely due to this personal standard which has been held and kept by the players. Had the men been conspicuous for conduct that lowered them in the estimation of the public the game would have suffered.

For baseball is a game against which nothing can be urged to its detriment. Clergymen revel in it; teachers and professors applaud it; doctors prescribe it as a cure for many forms of nervous illness; mothers advise it as a recreation for their sons. It has none of the brutal tactics which disfigure some of the college sports. In fact it has a clean bill of health to which the records of

the men in the game have largely contributed.

The average worker, released after a hard season of practice and professional play, enriched by the fortune that is now the reward of the successful player, might be excused if he sought the resorts of pleasure and idleness for the few off months. There is a mental as well as a physical strain about the keenly fought contests that wind up the season, and a period of physical rest would be justified in the case of the star baseball men.

But in this they set an example of ambition and industry which many of the young men on the bleachers might do well to emulate. Hardly one of the men actively known in the game but is in some business or profession to which he gives his time and effort during the winter months. Besides this there are in the ranks artists, musicians, poets, humorists, natural actors, farmers, doctors, lawyers and scientists.

### Won't Talk of Themselves.

Unfortunately it is difficult to get them to talk about themselves and they do not like to talk about each other. The baseball player hides his good points quite as carefully as the pugilist asserts his. He keeps off the main street and out of the art galleries and restaurants. He does not go in for fur lined coats or seek the fields where diamond boot heels impress the lowly.

He finds his pleasure in home life. There is no more domestic man in the world than the ball player once he is a husband. It cannot be said that he is an enthusiastic marrying man, for his wandering life is against it. But once caught, he hugs his chains and keeps out of sentimental entanglements.

And he has his admirers, although, unlike the matinee man, he appears as a rule to a disadvantage in a uniform which adds nothing to his lines or his general makeup. There is no calcium light nor low quivering music to assist him at his fine moments. His muscle is not displayed. Even when he runs it is not with the grace of the deer, but rather with a trot that throws up the earth something in the manner of a snow plough.

Among the men whose names are familiar to the readers of baseball literature there is not one that could be justly picked out and described as a loud dresser. They patronize good tailors, but there is a general leaning to quiet effects and dull finishes.

The baseball man performs only when on the field, where he is called on for a rare combination of physical and mental alertness, dash, daring, cunning, good judgment, intuition and instant action.

He must be quick in deciding what to do, yet on that moment success may hinge. He must use his instincts, yet if they play him false too often he loses prestige. He must be calm in his judgment, but he cannot be slow. He must take risks, yet constant gambling would be his ruin. Football is a schoolboys' rough and tumble rush in comparison with baseball when played at its best.

Dan Bruthers, one of the old time players, is authority for the statement that baseball in all its branches, its players, its managers, its public, the rules governing the game and the general standing of the players, has advanced marvelously within the last twenty years.

Yet the game has changed so slightly in its fundamental points that if Kelly and Ward and Ewing were to come back to the diamond in their old form they would still be champions. The changes that have been made in the game itself have been only those that would make it quicker.

"The game has grown in importance," said Bruthers, "to a vast extent that interests the entire country, men and women, too, of all classes and ages. It is a welcome and healthful diversion from business and domestic life."

"Large amounts of money are invested in it as a financial enterprise and the risks as well as the losses and the gains are great. The ablest men are sought for in the management of the teams; high salaries are paid and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the public in all cities has been retained by a constant care and improvement in the various grounds and conveniences for the onlookers."

"There have been tremendous changes in the personnel of the players and in the public interest evinced in their personal side. As to the incident in which Cobb figured, it is something most unusual. Of course the ethics of the game forbid a man taking action in resenting any sort of insult in that manner. John Drew could not jump over the footlights to punch some one in the orchestra who might hiss at him. It isn't done."

### The Professions Represented.

"Rowdiness in the bleachers has always had to be contended with, although it was a harmless sort of thing; largely it was the small boy rather than the man who indulged in

it. Ladies are now enthusiastic attendants at the games and this is one of the most promising proofs of the place the sport takes with the cities."

"When I say that Baltimore and Washington have the most ardent women fans I think I have added the final touch of feminine approval. The players themselves are the best behaved of men. Dissipation is not known among them and on recent trips to the spring training quarters a feature has been the presence of many wives who accompanied their husbands. This insures the most circumspect conduct on the part of the men and it was unheard of in the old days."

"Of course the baseball man cannot dissipate and play good ball. This may be the reason why he does not dissipate. He is spurred to ambitious ventures in business and to study after the season's work by the example which so many of the men have set."

"There was a great how do you do made in the old days over John Ward's taking up the legal profession but there are many lawyers among the players today. They have their offices and practice with success during the season when baseball is done with."

"Hugh Jennings is a successful lawyer in Scranton, Pa. Jennings, in fact, is a representative baseball man. As a boy he worked in a coal mine. Then he began to study, went to night school, took up law and finally went to Cornell, where he coached the students in athletics to pay for his tuition."

"Bushong of the Brooklyn's is a doctor. Moriarty of the Detroit's writes songs and music which have won success on the stage. He is one of the poets of the diamond."

"The stage has made a strong call for the ball players and Manager McGraw has resisted some remarkable offers to star him in plays written about his personality and remarkable gifts as an executive. He believes, however, that baseball is quite sufficient to occupy his efforts. Mr. McGraw plays a splendid game of billiards and likes to hunt as well. He even has a bear to his credit and many moose."

"Christy Mathewson, the great pitcher, is a hunter of prowess as well as a great home man. He has a charming residence in upper Manhattan. He is a checker expert and of late he has written reams of copy for the magazines and syndicates."

"He has been invited to address classes in the universities and schools but the demands have been so many that it would be impossible for him to play ball and keep up with them. He has been on the stage and is credited with histrionic ability of telling effect and an excellent stage presence."

"A large number of the players are deeply interested in scientific farming. Chief John Tortes Meyers, the Indian pitcher, a product of Dartmouth College, purchased by the New York club for \$6000, has a place in California where he raises fruit. This farm is at Riverdale, and is the great interest of Meyers' life next to baseball. The stage has also lured him for a while."

"John Murray, the outfielder, has a good tenor voice. Arthur Schaefer the youngster of the New Yorks, is a Californian by birth and a pianist of distinction. He has also written music. Fred Snodgrass, likewise a Californian, is a banjoist and skilled in most of the stringed instruments."

"Louis Drueke, the pitcher, is a cotton merchant of Waco, Tex. Fred Merkle, the crack first baseman, has a legal education and is interested in art. Doc Crandall of Waudena, Ind., is one of the fancy farmers. Herzog, the third baseman, has a farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland."

"Grove Hartley, the catcher, is one of the Indiana geniuses and has musical inclinations. Arthur Wilson of Macon, Ill., is a dealer in live stock. Josh Devore of Ohio has just invested in a valuable property in his native State and also owns Indiana real estate."

"Ames is the C. D. Gilson of the baseball world. He is a clever artist in black and white and catches a likeness readily. He is also musical and is a capital story teller."

"Harry McCormack was a college football man before he took up baseball. He quit this for the steel business, but after two years or so came back to the field again. Becker is a farmer in Wichita, Kan. Marquard, the Beau Brummel of the Giants, runs his own motor cars and owns a prize bulldog."

"Arthur Fletcher, the shortstop, is from Collinsville, Ill. He is a singer, a humorist and a social favorite. But he is also a good business man."

"Ball players are superstitious; in fact the baseball jinx has become a classic. All players of games are more or less superstitious and there isn't the slightest doubt in a player's mind that there is such a thing as luck."

dividual brilliancy does not count as it used to, although good playing always wins its just recognition."

To keep in condition for contests of this sort a careful regimen is necessary. Baseball players on the road as a general thing stay at the quieter family hotels rather than the resorts where sporting men and lion hunters congregate.

The New York teams travel in their own private cars and keep out of the limelight as much as possible.

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